

Spanish Influenza Is Bad Enough, But What Kaiser Wilhelm Fears Right Now Is the American Grip

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CURRY COUNTY GOES EASILY OVER THE TOP

Fourth Liberty Loan Is Over Subscribed

QUOTA WAS SLICED

Every indication, however, that the full amount would have been realized before campaign's final day of effort.

Curry county has gone squarely over the top in the Fourth Liberty Loan drive. Several days ago the county's quota was cut in half, reducing it from \$174,500 to \$87,250. This, of course, made it much more easy to subscribe the quota—which had, as a matter of fact, been already over-subscribed; but the campaign was in such shape that Curry county would have made the original quota anyway, even if there had been no reduction. Curry county, it so happens, has a peculiar way of doing the things she sets out to do.

Just exactly how much has been raised in the county in subscriptions to the present drive is somewhat in doubt. Figures in the office of Rufus Jones, secretary of the Liberty Loan organization, show Thursday morning a total of \$207,500. Some revision of these figures will be necessary before they can be declared accurate.

✓Sister to Santa Fe employees, for which Curry county will receive credit, cannot be stated at the hour of going to press. The superintendent's office, almost depleted of clerical help on account of illness, was too busy this morning to make a report on the matter; but even upon the basis of the Santa Fe figures a week ago, which were \$43,000, there would be a total, including Mr. Jones' aggregate, of \$113,800, or \$26,550 more than the new quota. The real total is, however, a great deal larger than this estimate of \$113,800.

THESE TWO ARE BETTER

At noon today (Thursday) two citizens of Clovis who have been and are still critically ill are reported somewhat improved—Cash Ramey, who struck a nail in his foot and developed blood poisoning, and Mrs. A. Mandell, who has influenza.

THREE ARE ILL

Clovis Boys Away From Home Are on Sick List

Messages early Thursday morning from the bedside of two Clovis boys who are at army training camps—Glenn Harris at Messilla Park, N. M., and Dick Noble at Louisville, Ky.—said both were doing fairly well, and neither at that time was believed to be in any particular danger. Riley Wallace, who is at the New Mexico Military Institute, is also ill, but The News is unable to learn his condition.

MR. GURLEY RETURNS

Back in Clovis After Sad Mission to Missouri

A. L. Gurley, accompanied by his children and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rawlings, returned Saturday from Purdy, Mo., where he and his loved ones had been on a sad mission—the funeral of Mrs. Gurley, whose demise took place in Clovis.

Mrs. Rawlings, whose husband is Mrs. Gurley's brother, will take charge of the Gurley home. She and Mr. Rawlings have already moved in.

Mr. Gurley, since his return, has received assurances of deepest sympathy from his many friends in Clovis and the county.

Clovis and the Spanish Influenza--An Editorial.

He who attempts to deny, even to himself, that these are serious days in Clovis either does not know the situation as it really exists or else he is of the same frame of mind as the individual who whistles to keep up his faltering courage. The influenza epidemic has laid its hand upon the town. It has claimed human lives, and will claim others before the scourge has done its work and departed.

But there is no reason for panic. Dozens, scores, hundreds of other communities throughout the length and breadth of the country are confronting a situation in which there have been many more deaths to the thousand of population than here—and they are facing it with serene courage and calm determination. Considering the number of cases involved, Clovis has been fortunate in the possession of a mortality rate much below the average.

This is no time for hysteria in Clovis. It is a day and an hour for the manliness of men and the womanliness of women. Human fear is about the most ineffective and impotent thing imaginable. It produces as much protection against disease as one's hand in front of the face would be worth against a lightning stroke from the blue above.

The darkest cloud always, before the advent of dawn. The present epidemic of disease will soon retire from the theatre, when for awhile it has caused temporary perturbation, and leave in its wake a Clovis ready to readjust itself rapidly and to proceed with the accustomed routine of its daily existence.

Meanwhile, it is the part of each of us to shoulder as far as we may our burdened share of the common burden; to counsel, and to work with might and main for a solution of the public problem.

And it is vitally essential that we shall remember this: Common sense—plain, unassuming, every-day (Continued on page four)

GERMANY, BEGGING FOR PEACE, IS KEPT ON MOURNER'S BENCH

Meanwhile, She Is Still Catching Hell on All Fronts

There are no The News goes to press with this issue, two distinct features of the world-war—the political and the military.

On the political side, Berlin is trying to make peace as gracefully as she can, and has offered to accept the terms laid down by President Wilson, but in the meanwhile she has been burning towns and sinking ships, and Mr. Wilson has notified the German chancellor that there can be no peace so long as such practices continue.

The reichstag will meet tomorrow, it is reported, to consider the Wilson terms. If the United States and her allies grant Germany an armistice at all it will be the duty of the military branch to formulate the conditions; and Marshal Foch, generalissimo of the Allied forces, may be counted on to know his business very thoroughly on that score. Many believe Germany will be required not only to evacuate all occupied territory, as already demanded by Mr. Wilson, but to give up her fleet and perhaps a number of her principal cities along the border as a guarantee of good faith pending further negotiations. The next forty-eight hours will no doubt bring radical developments in the political aspect of the matter.

As to the military feature, Germany continues to be licked all along the line. She has now lost practically every bastion of defense in the much vaunted Hindenburg line. All the way from Belgian border to Rheims the Hohenzollern hooligans are being its last issue, the Hindenburg line, once mauled, and as The News remarked in Germany's proud boast, is now little more than an evanescent dream. In Belgium, Dixmude and Roulers are lost to the Teutis, Ostend is outflanked.

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CLOVIS IS FIGHTING INFLUENZA ATTACK BRAVELY AND HOPEFULLY

Mortality Rate Not Sufficiently Big to Cause a Panic

During the week which closes with today Clovis has passed through one of the most exciting periods of its existence. Prevalence of the Spanish influenza has been unfortunate enough within itself, and, added to this, there have been false rumors by the hundred as to deaths which have never taken place and never will during the present epidemic.

The situation at this time, while bad, is encouraging. In the general confusion existing it is difficult to make an accurate statement, but there are indications that the epidemic has reached its peak and is actually on the decline. The fight is being aggressively and intelligently handled. Citizens' headquarters has been established at the Reagan Land and Cattle Co's. office, where the mayor, the board of health, the physicians of the city, and public-spirited citizens generally are waging an indomitable fight against the enemy. There is genuine ground for the earnest hope that the worst has passed, and that henceforth, while there will be other cases, and other deaths, influenza will be found fighting a losing battle.

Wednesday afternoon the Mayor and Board of Health issued restrictions covering the hours during which business establishments may remain open. This decision was made hurriedly, and admittedly there will be modifications and adjustments of these regulations. So far as The News can ascertain, up until this (Thursday) morning there have been a total of twenty-three deaths. This is by no means whatever a large death rate, considering the hundreds of cases involved.

In addition to the two deaths reported in last week's issue, there have been twenty-one others due to Spanish influenza.

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TWO CURRY COUNTY BOYS DOWN ON CASUALTY LIST

One Killed, Another Taken Prisoner, While Fighting "Over There" for the Sake of Democracy and Decency

These are days when the casualty lists emanating from the great conflict in Europe bring their tales of misfortune which come to men good and true from Curry county.

Harry M. Day of St. Vrain has been killed in action "over there." A telephone message from The News to St. Vrain brings the information that he has no immediate family, though he is survived by both of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Day, who reside five miles north of the village.

Fred Davis of Havener has been taken prisoner by the Huns. Mr. Davis' father is dead, but his mother, who is now Mrs. Jack Rose, lives three miles east of Havener. When The News phoned to Havener the information was vouchsafed that young Davis had been taken prisoner on the 15th of July. A card from him to his mother arrived about the same time that his name appeared in the official list given out from Washington. He was a single man.

FROM BOARD OF HEALTH.

Says the Clovis Board of Health:

In the emergency of the present epidemic it is very necessary that people do not become unduly excited. Plenty of fresh air, pure water and cleanliness are best precautions. When the first symptoms appear, go to bed, open the windows, and keep quiet till the doctor comes. Do not call doctor offener than needed, as they are now having more calls than can possibly be answered.

For any cases where assistance is urgently needed, if you will phone No. 250 or call at the rear of the First National Bank (office of Reagan Land and Cattle Co.) the Board of Health will endeavor to help you.

WATCH YOUR GASOLINE!

Better cut down on gasoline!

In other sections of the country the government has stopped in and specially said to owners and operators of automobiles what they may do and may not do without asking their advice about it. The government has a way of doing that occasionally, you know, whenever it feels justified. Uncle Sam needs a great deal of gasoline at this time—not all there is, but considerable of it.

He hasn't grown so very strict in this immediate section yet, but he may become peremptory and begin issuing sure-enough orders before long if there are not some steps taken toward voluntarily curtailment.

Curry County Commissioners Make Road Levy of \$1.66

At a meeting Monday the Curry county commissioners levied a tax of \$1.66 per \$1,000 as a road fund. Thereby hangs a tale of particular interest in the Clovis Chamber of Commerce.

The local commercial organization has had this matter up with the commissioners for some time and has had several delegations before the county body earnestly requesting such a levy. This means that next year there will be available a total fund of \$42,000 in the interest of good roads for Curry county. For each 25 cents

\$6,500 To Be Raised Locally In United War Work Campaign

During the week from November 11 to 18 Curry county will raise \$6,500 for the United War Work Campaign. The funds included in this total will go to the following institutions:

Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Salvation Army, Knights of Columbus, the Jewish Welfare Board, the War Camp Community Service, and the American Library Association.

C. W. Harrison will be county chairman of the movement, Rufus Jones vice chairman in charge of boys' activities, J. H. Shepard adult leader for the boys' work, Miss Ira Cochran vice chairman in charge of girls' activities. The adult leader for the girls' work has not yet been named.

W. J. Holloman of Artesia and Miss Sophia Church of Roswell were in Clovis Monday looking after preliminary arrangements for the work. Mr. Holloman is associate director of the boys' department for district No. 6, comprising the counties of Eddy, Chavis, Roosevelt, Curry, DeBaca and Lea. Miss Church holds a similar position in the girls' department.

REGISTRATION BOARD MARKING TIME NOW

No Registrants Are Being Called Up

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

Members of Clovis Body Have Also Been Greatly Handicapped Because of Unusual Conditions Entailed by Influenza Epidemic.

The local registration board is marking time for the present, partly on account of orders from headquarters in Washington, and partly because the three members—Sheriff Hoge, Dr. Westerfield and C. A. Schurich—are themselves so busy that they have been absolutely unable to hold any official sessions.

Several days ago the board received orders from Washington to call up no one for examination until further notice. It is presumed that this is because of the war department's announced policy to go rather slowly until there is a wane in the influenza epidemic now prevailing all over the United States.

In the meanwhile the board might be proceeding with its work of classifying registrants, but this has been out of the question. Mr. Hoge has had practically all of the work of his office thrown upon his own shoulders, due to illness among his assistants; Dr. Westerfield has been, like all the other local physicians, going day and night in answer to calls; and Mr. Schurich's private business affairs have taken almost every moment of his time.

The board will proceed with its official business at the earliest moment possible for its members to get together and begin work again.

WHEN? GUESS!

No One Knows How Soon School and "Movies" Will Open

When will the schools open? When will the "movies" open? These are two pretty prominent questions on the streets of Clovis right now. Nobody knows the answer, not even the health authorities. They will consent to the opening of both the schools and the two motion picture houses of the city just as soon as such a course seems to be warranted, but that time has not arrived and nobody knows when it will.

However, at this writing, it appears probable that another ten days will elapse before the youngsters may go to school or to see their favorite screen heroes and heroines.

TO SHIP SEEDS

Consignment Will Go From Clovis to the Government

At headquarters of the Chamber of Commerce there is being gradually accumulated quite a respectable stock of peach pits, coconut shells, etc., which will soon be turned over to the government. These are used for the manufacture of carbon and, in the gas masks used by the boys "over there," have been instrumental in saving many a life.

It is hoped that there will be no let-up in donations of these seeds and shells and that before long it will be possible to forward a second shipment.

RED CROSS ELECTION

Local Chapter Will Name Executive Committee Soon

The Clovis chapter of the Red Cross will hold its annual election at 8 p. m. October 23, at the Ellis' home, at which an executive committee will be named and consideration given other business. A nominating committee has submitted the following as members of the executive committee to be voted on:

K. C. Childers, A. W. Johnson, Charles E. Dennis, Mrs. G. S. Woodward, Mrs. C. A. Schurich, W. B. Cramer, Mrs. Fred Dennis, Fritz Herod, A. W. Skarda, J. M. Love.